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C O N F I D E N T I A L JERUSALEM 1029

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UNIFIL: NEPALESE TROOPS TO RAYAK?

REF: JERUSALEM 1027

SUMMARY: WE HAVE NOT SEEN ANYTHING FURTHER SINCE BEIRUT 1958
ON LEBANESE VIEWS ABOUT
USE OF RAYAK IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION POSED STATE 89601. I AM
PREPARED TO PRESS SIILASVUO EITHER WAY ON USE OF RAYAK DEPENDING
ON U.S. POLICY JUDGMENT. IT SEEMS TO US THAT CHOICE IS BETWEEN
SPEED OF DEPLOYMENTN OF NEPALESE TROOPS INTO UNIFIL
AREA AS AGAINST IMPORTANCE OF HAVING PERHAPS SAME LEBANESE
FORCES MOVING INTO SOUTHERN LEBANON WITH NEPALESE. SIILASVUO
IS WEIGHING PROS AND CONS HIMSELF. END SUMMARY.

1. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS STAFF, SIILASVUO
MORNING APRIL 8 HAS INDICATED THAT HE IS MORE CONCERNED
THAN INITIALLY (SEE REFTTEL) ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT USING RAYAK
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MAY DELAY DEPLOYMENT OF NEPALESE TROOPS INTO UNIFIL AREA.
HIS STAFF HAS NOTED THE DIFFICULT SECURITY SITUATION IN HASBAYYA
AREA WHICH MIGHT HOLD UP MOVEMENT OF NEPALESE FROM RAYAK INTO
THE UNIFIL AREA OF OPERATION.

2. SIILASVUO IS WEIGHING PROS AND CONS OF SPEED OF DEPLOYMENT OF
NEPALESE (WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR UNIFIL OPERATION) AGAINST

POLITICAL VALUE TO GOL OF LANDING OF UNIFIL TROOPS IN LEBANON AND IMPORTANCE OF FACILITATING, BY MEANS OF "CONVOYING WITH" NEPALESE TROPPS, THE MOVEMENT OF LEBANESE FORCES SOUTH. HE IS SKEPTICAL OF LEBANESE ABILITY (WHATEVER THEY MAY SAY TO US IN BEIRUT) TO COME UP WITH SIZEABLE NUMBER OF TROOPS AT RAYAK IN TIME FOR NEPALESE ARRIVAL NEXT WEEK. HE IS ALSO CONCERNED AS POINTED OUT IN REFTEL ABOUT LOGISTICS REQUIREMENT TO HAVE VEHICLES TO MOVE 600-ODD NEPALESE SOUTH (DOES GOL HAVE TRUCKS OR OTHER TRANSPORT TO DO THE JOB?) AT THE LEAST, HE HOPES THAT LEBANESE COULD HAVE 2 COMPANIES OF TROOPS TO GO SOUTH AND RECALLS THAT THIS IS THE WAY HE HAD LEFT IT WITH LEBANESE IN HIS DISCUSSIONS ON APRIL 4.
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